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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PBOR, MARR, RP

SUBJECT: SPRATLYS

1. RESPONDING TO VIET-NAMESE ACCUSATION CARRIED IN LOCAL PRESS HERE THAT GOP HAD OCCUPIED TWO MORE ISLANDS IN SPRATLY GROUP, INFORMATION SECRETARY TATAD TOLD PRESS FEB 12 (A) THAT PHILIPPINE TROOPS HAD NOT TAKEN CONTROL OF TWO ISLANDS IN SPRATLY GROUP, (B) PHILIPPINES ONLY OCCUPIES "FREEDOMLAND" WHICH IS NOT PART OF SPRATLYS. HE SAID PHILIPPINES MAINTAINS LIGHTHOUSE STATION ON FAROLA ISLAND (NORTHEAST CAY) AND WEATHER STATION ON PAGASA ISLAND (THITU) WHICH, HE SAID ARE OUTSIDE OF SPRATLYS. NO FRESH TROOPS HAD BEEN SENT TO THESE ISLANDS BUT AFP MAINTENANCE GROUP WAS SENT FEW DAYS AGO TO THESE TWO ISLANDS TO "MAINTAIN" LIGHTHOUSE AND WEATHER STATION.

2. COMMENT: MAINTENANCE GROUP CONSISTED OF TROOPS FOR PHILIPPINE CLAIMED ISLANDS AND TWO
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PHOTOGRAPHERS. TROOPS MAY BE INTENDED AS ROTATIONAL REPLACEMENTS FOR TROOPS ALREADY ON PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, WHEREAS

PHOTOGRAPHERS PROBABLY INTENDED TO DOCUMENT PHILIPPINE
CLAIM TO ISLANDS. SO FAR AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, PHILIPPINES
HAS MADE NO MOVE TO REPLACE TROOPS WITH WEATHERMEN AS
EARLIER INDICATED BY PRESIDENT TO SECRETARY INGERSOLL HAN 30.
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